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SUBJECT: ANONYMOUS LETTER AIMED AT EXACERBATING TENSIONS IN
RL RUSSIAN SERVICE

REF: MUNICH 2414

1. INTRO AND SUMMARY. IN COURSE OF PAST 48 HOURS, A NUMBER OF
EMPLOYEES OF RL RUSSIAN SERVICE HAVE RECEIVED COPIES OF AN
ANONYMOUS RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE LETTER WHICH CLEARLY SEEMS TO BE
DESIGNED TO EXACERBATE EXISTING ANIMOSITIES BETWEEN STATION'S
OLDER AND NEWER RUSSIAN-EMIGRE EMPLOYEES. THE EMPLOYEES' INITIAL
REACTION TO LETTER SEEMS REASONABLY RESTRAINED. THERE IS,
HOWEVER, SOME POSSIBILITY THAT TEXT OF LETTER COULD BE BROUGHT
TO ATTENTION OF NEWS MEDIA OR OTHER OUTSIDE INSTITUTIONS IN
MANNER WHICH COULD HAVE UNFAVORABLE REPERCUSSIONS FOR RFE/RL.

END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE
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LETTER WHICH WAS SENT VIA LOCAL FRG MAIL TO AN AS YET UNDERTERMINED
NUMBER OF RL RUSSIAN SERVICE EMPLOYEES, SOME OF WHOM ARE JEWS
WHO WERE PART OF "THIRD EMIGRATION."

BEGIN TRANSLATION: THE PREVAILING ATMOSPHERE AT THE STATION SEEMS
TO REFLECT A WELL-PLANNED EFFORT BY THE FEDOSEEYEVs, WHO ARE
KGB AGENTS, TO STIR UP ANTI-RUSSIAN SENTIMENTS. THE WHOLE

RUSSIAN SERVICE IS SUFFERING FROM FEVER AND AN ATMOSPHERE OF NERVOUSNESS AND EXHAUSTION PREVAILS.

WHAT HAS THE "THIRD WAVE" OF THE EMIGRATION WASHED UP ON TO THE BANKS OF RL? VARIOUS KINDS OF GARBAGE SUCH AS THE PLAGIARIZER MAY, THE KGB AGENT (CHEKHIST) MATUSOVICH (SIC), THE PROSTITUTES BELOTSERKOVSKY AND LOVETSKAYA, THE PROVOCATEUR ROITMAN, AND THE WOMANIZER GALICH, WHO HAD HIS OWN WIFE SHUT UP IN A NUTHOUSE. WHAT HAVE THESE PEOPLE GIVEN US BUT SLANDER AND PROVOCATIONS WHICH HAVE DISTURBED THE WORKING ATMOSPHERE AT RL*

THE NEWLY ARRIVED LEADERS OF RL ARE NOT DOING ANYTHING TO PREVENT THE CAMPAIGN OF WHOLESAL SLANDER DIRECTED AT EMPLOYEES OF LONG STANDING. THE LEADERSHIP COMPOSES MEMORANDA DESIGNED TO CALM THE SITUATION INSTEAD OF RESTRAINING THE RUSSOPHOBES AND RESTORING NORMAL WORKING ATMOSPHERE AT THE STATION.

ENOUGH*

THE TIME FOR COOPERATION AND APPEASEMENT IS PAST*

WE WILL ANSWER THE BLACKMAIL OF THE MATUSEVICHES, LODEESENS AND FEDOSEEYEVs AND THE DOVE-LIKE COOING OF THE TOP MANAGEMENT WITH RESOLUTE ACTIONS*

(SIGNED) "RUSSIAN NATIONALS". END TRANSLATION.
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3. AVAILABLE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT LETTER REPRESENTS EFFORT BY OUTSIDE FORCES. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE COPY OF LETTER WAS SENT TO BORIS LITVINOV, A FORMER RL EMPLOYEE WHO HAS BEEN DEAD FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. THIS COPY WAS SENT TO AN ADDRESS WHICH IS NINE MONTHS OUT OF DATE.

4. PORTIONS OF LETTER WHICH REFER TO NEW RL MANAGEMENT HERE SUGGEST THAT AUTHOR(S) CONCLUDE THAT NEW MANAGEMENT HAS SUCCEEDED IN DEFUSING THE TENSIONS WITHIN RUSSIAN SERVICE WHICH THREATENED LAST WINTER TO GET OUT OF CONTROL.

5. ALTHOUGH IT IS TEMPTING TO SPECULATE THAT KGB MAY HAVE PLAYED ROLE IN CIRCULATION OF LETTER, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE AT PRESENT TO SUPPORT SUCH SPECULATION. RL MANAGEMENT HAS BROUGHT LETTER TO ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE BAVARIAN AUTHORITIES.

6. HEAVY-HANDED NATURE OF TEXT, FACT THAT COPY OF LETTER WAS SENT TO A DECEASED EMPLOYEE, AND RL MANAGEMENT'S RESTRAINED REACTION SEEMED TO HAVE COMBINED TO EXERT CALMING EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES OF RUSSIAN SERVICE.

7. ALTHOUGH LETTER ITSELF MAY NOT BE SEXY ENOUGH TO GENERATE
INTERESTING NEWSPAPER COPY, THERE IS ALWAYS SLIGHT POSSIBILITY
THAT MEDIA COULD USE LETTER AS PEG ON WHICH TO HANG UNFAVORABLE
STORY ABOUT PROBLEMS AT RL.
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